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ATTN: APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST
NEW EXAMINATION PROCESSES

EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Office of Administrative Law approved regulations that give the California Board of Psychology the authority to offer the computer administered version of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) effective September 1, 2001. With the approval of these regulations, the paper and pencil version of the EPPP is no longer offered in California. All California applicants for psychology licensure must take the computer administered version of the EPPP.

Also effective September 1, 2001, applicants became eligible to take the EPPP upon completion of 1,500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience and completion of a qualifying doctoral degree. No longer do applicants need to delay taking the EPPP until completion of the 1,500 hours of post-doctoral experience.

Once the Board has determined that an applicant possesses a qualifying doctoral degree, has completed at least 1,500 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience, and has paid the \$532 EPPP fee to the board, the applicant's name will be forwarded to the Professional Examination Service (PES) in New York. Subsequently, PES will provide the applicant with application material that must be completed and returned to PES in order to take the computer administered EPPP. The completed material will be reviewed by PES.

Once PES approves the application material, a letter will be sent by PES to each qualified applicant authorizing him/her to sit for the EPPP. This "Authorization to Test Letter" will provide the applicant with the toll-free telephone number of the testing center for use in scheduling an examination appointment and for additional instructions on the scheduling process. Applicants must schedule and sit for the EPPP within sixty days of the date on the Authorization to Test Letter. When the applicant calls the testing center for an appointment to test, he/she will be required to pay a testing fee of \$65.00. Applicants must follow all directions provided by PES and the testing center in scheduling a testing appointment. Applicants may take the computer administered EPPP up to four times in any twelve month period.

ORAL EXAMINATION

At its quarterly meeting on August 18, 2001 in Sacramento, the California Board of Psychology voted to proceed with the rulemaking process to eliminate the oral examination component of the licensing process. In December 2001, emergency regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law making the elimination of the oral examination effective 1/1/02. These regulations also implemented the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination (CJPEE) effective 1/1/02.

CALIFORNIA JURISPRUDENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS EXAMINATION

The CJPEE is a 100 question multiple choice examination focused on laws and regulations relating to the practice of psychology and the Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct of the American Psychological Association. The examination is computer administered at Experior Assessments examination sites that are available throughout the State of California. The fee for the CJPEE is \$129.

Applicants become eligible to take the CJPEE when they:

- Have passed the EPPP and completed a total of at least 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised professional experience,
- Have allowed their California license to expire and have not renewed it within three years and the license has not been subject to discipline,
- Have been licensed in another state, Canadian province or U.S. territory for at least five years, otherwise meet California licensing requirements, and the license has not been subject to discipline, or
- Hold a Certificate of Professional Qualification issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Once the Board has determined that an applicant qualifies to take the CJPEE and the applicant has paid the \$129 examination fee to the board, the applicant's name is forwarded to Experior Assessments. Subsequently, Experior Assessments sends examination material and instructions on scheduling a date and time for his/her examination. Applicants must follow all directions provided by Experior Assessments and the testing center in scheduling a testing appointment. If an applicant does not pass the CJPEE, there is a ninety-day waiting period required between retakes of the CJPEE. Applicants may take the computer administered CJPEE up to four times in any twelve month period.

Additional information regarding licensing requirements and developments regarding the licensing examinations can be obtained from the board's website at www.psychboard.ca.gov.